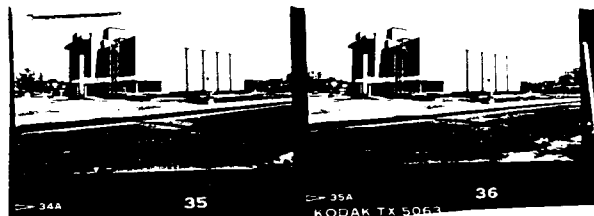


Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form



PG # 68-4-26

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Citizens Bank of Riverdale

and/or common Citizens Bank of Maryland

2. Location

street & number 6200 Baltimore Avenue

not for publication

city, town Riverdale, Maryland

vicinity of

congressional district 5

state Maryland

county

Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bank of Riverdale

street & number 14401 Sweitzer Lane

telephone no.:

city, town Laurel

state and zip code MD 20707

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse

liber 61

street & number 14735 Main Street

folio 462

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Unknown

date

___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. 20 10/1/66

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Citizens Bank of Maryland building is located at the corner of Baltimore Avenue (Rt. 1) and Queensbury Road in a commercial area. The bank building, adjacent parking lot and drive in bank building consume most of the block, with a few other smaller buildings facing Baltimore Avenue. It is a two-three story bank and office building situated on a corner with three sides having the appearance of the building front.

The brick and metal building is located on the corner of Baltimore and Queensbury Rd. It presents clean, simple, linear lines of the international style of architecture. The main structure was built in 1960 with an office tower addition constructed in 1965. The building houses a bank and offices. The addition is compatible with the rest of the building. The scale of the building is larger than the earlier commercial buildings located in the same block. There is a corner facing bank entrance at the front of the building and a main entrance to the bank and offices behind the building facing the expansive parking lot.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1960/65

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Citizens Bank of Riverdale was founded by a group of local Riverdale residents. One of the founders was Samuel McMillan who had become the first Mayor of Riverdale. Other founders were Joseph S Caldwell, Benjamin Powell, John Dorace, Frank Stephen and James Casebaum. The year it was chartered was 1923. A bank building was established on the site of the present bank.

In 1963 the bank merged with the National Bank of Maryland. There already had been constructed a new bank/office building and in 1965 there was an addition. The building housed the corporate headquarters of the now large and expanding bank. During the 1960s and deregulation of the banking industry in the 1980s, the Citizens Bank of Maryland expanded and last year moved its corporate headquarters to Laurel, Maryland. Today the present building at 6200 Baltimore Ave. is for lease or sale.

Despite the building's age, its unaltered architectural design representative of its construction period and its relationship to Riverdale as a banking institution which continued to grow and expand, represents a successful period of Riverdale history which should not go unrecognized.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PS 68-1-26

General Index to Incorporation & Factors Records 1901-1981 p.98

Gordon Wells, personal communication

History of Riverdale, MD 1920-1970

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete ☒ referencesA

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Zone Easting NorthingB

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 1, Lots 11, 12 & part of 13, Ellaville-Bennetts Subdivision
of Riverdale.

List all states and counties or properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state county code state county code

11. Form Prepared By

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